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In re Application of :  
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Application No. 10/692,959 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: October 24, 2003 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)  
Attorney Docket No. 14407US02 :  
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This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), filed December 4, 2006, to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c) for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed nonprovisional and PCT applications set forth in the amendment submitted May 22, 2006. The amendment submitted with the petition deletes the improper "incorporation by reference" statement from the amendment of May 22, 2006.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 365(c) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) and (iii) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
- (2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

This nonprovisional application was filed after November 29, 2000, and the claim herein for the benefit of priority to the prior-filed applications is submitted after expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii). Therefore, this is a proper petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3).

As the petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c) satisfies the conditions of 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), the petition is granted.

**Petitioner is advised that the granting of this petition to accept the delayed benefit claim to the prior-filed applications under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) should not be construed as meaning that this application is entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed applications. In order for this application to be entitled to the benefit of the prior-filed applications, all other requirements under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(1) and (a)(2) must be met. Similarly, the fact that the corrected Filing Receipt accompanying this decision on petition includes the prior-filed applications should not be construed as meaning that applicant is entitled to the claim for benefit of priority to the prior-filed applications noted thereon. Accordingly, the examiner will, in due course, consider this benefit claim and determine whether this application is entitled to the benefit of the earlier filing date.**

Petitioner is also advised that, where an application claims a benefit under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c) of a chain of applications, each application must make a reference to the first (earliest) application and every intermediate application. See Sampson v. Ampex Corp., 463 F.2d 1042, 1044-45, 174 USPQ 417, 418-19 (2d Cir. 1972); Sticker Indus. Supply Corp. v. Blaw-Knox Co., 405 F.2d 90, 93, 160 USPQ 177, 179 (7th Cir. 1968); Hovlid v. Asari, 305 F.2d 747, 751, 134 USPQ 162, 165 (9th Cir. 1962). See also MPEP § 201.11. In addition, every intermediate application must also make a reference to the first (earliest) application and every application after the first application and before such intermediate application. MPEP Section 201.06(d). Petitioner should review the claim submitted to ensure that a reference is made to the first application and to every intermediate application. Additionally, the relationship of each application to the other must be clearly and properly stated.

A corrected Filing Receipt, which includes the priority claim to the prior-filed applications, accompanies this decision on petition.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218. All other inquiries concerning either the examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being forwarded to the Examiner of Technology Center Art Unit 2616 for examination in due course and for consideration of applicant's entitlement to claim benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 365(c) to the above-noted, prior-filed applications.

  
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Petitions Examiner  
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**ATTACHMENT:** Corrected Filing Receipt


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**CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**


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**Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant**

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### **Foreign Applications**

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**If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 02/04/2004**

**The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is US10/692,959**

**Projected Publication Date:** Not Applicable

**Non-Publication Request:** No

**Early Publication Request:** No

### **Title**

Wireless personal local area network

### **Preliminary Class**

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